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GRUETZMACHER et al.

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**PRINT SUBSTRATE CONTACTING
ELEMENT HAVING AN INK-REPELLENT
COATING AND METHOD FOR COATING A
PRINT SUBSTRATE-CONTACTING
ELEMENT**

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, Applicant hereby makes of record the documents listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 Form (1 page) for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. While the references are being submitted herewith, some or all of the references may not constitute prior art under the U.S. patent laws.

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It is respectfully requested that the references cited in the accompanying PTO-1449 form be considered and made of record. It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are patentable over all of the references made of record at this time.

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